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FOLLOWING REPEAT SAN JOSE 2767 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
GUATEMALA, CARACAS & BOGOTA DATED 19 JULY 1974:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CUBA

REF: SAN JOSE 2639 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO INVITED ME TO MINISTRY THIS
MORNING TO GIVE ME COPY OF LETTER HE WROTE YESTERDAY TO
VENEZUELAN FONMIN SCHACT ON CUBAN RECOGNITION QUESTION.
ENCLOSED TO LETTER IS A DRAFT REQUEST TO PRESIDENT OF OAS PERMANENT
COUNCIL FOR CONVOCAION OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TO
ESTABLISH AN INVESTIGATING COMMISSION ON CUBA. LETTER
BEING DELIVERED TO SCHACT TODAY BY FONOFF CHIEF OF CABINET
BLANCO. EMBASSY WILL POUCH COPY ASAP.

2. IMPORT OF THESE DOCUMENTS IS TO CHARGE THE OAS PERMANENT
COUNCIL WITH NAMING 5-MEMBER INVESTIGATING COMMISSION
TO REPORT WITHIN TWO MONTHS ON WHETHER CUBA HAS CEASED
TO CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE
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CONTINENT. THE COUNCIL WOULD THEN DECIDE ON RETENTION OF

SANCTIONS AS PROVIDED UNDER RESOLUTION I OF THE NINTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION. FONMIN SPECIFICALLY OBSERVED TO ME THAT THIS MEANT A TWO-THIRDS VOTE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LIFT SANCTIONS.

3. THIS NEW APPROACH TO DEALING WITH CUBA PROBLEM, WHICH FACIO STILL SEES AS IMMINENT THREAT TO INTEGRITY OF RIO TREATY ALONG LINES REPORTED REFTEL, WAS WORKED OUT DURING HIS RECENT MEETING WITH GUATEMALAN FONMIN MOLINA. FACIO SAYS SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND PANAMA ALL SUPPORT IT, AND HE BELIEVES DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILL ALSO. HE IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT ABOUT VENEZUELA, WHICH HE HOPES WILL COSPONSOR. COLOMBIA ALSO HAS BEEN ASKED TO COSPONSOR, BUT FACIO IS LESS CONFIDENT HERE SINCE COLOMBIAN FONMIN HAS TOLD HIM PRESIDENT PASTRANA WILL CONSULT WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ BEFORE REPLYING. FACIO FEARS LOPEZ' RIGID VIEWS IN FAVOR OF UNILATERAL RECOGNITION OF CUBA. FACIO HAS BEEN PROMISED COLOMBIAN ANSWER BY MONDAY.

4. COMMENT: COSTA RICA IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING UNILATERALLY IF NECESSARY. FACIO DID NOT SAY WHY OTHER CA COUNTRIES WERE NOT ASKED OR WILLING TO COSPONSOR. WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK FOR USG SUPPORT OF HIS NEW APPROACH, FACIO OBVIOUSLY HOPES THAT IT WILL BE MORE PALATABLE TO US AND PERHAPS TO OTHER OAS MEMBERS AS WELL THAN A DIRECT CALL FOR MFM. LANE UNQTE KISSINGER

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